

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on H.R. 14429, International Social Security Agreements Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Social Security Commissioner Cardwell and other HEW officials.

CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on H.R. 9220, Customs Modernization Act; and section 592 of the Tariff Act of 1930. Testimony was heard from Senator Haskell; Representatives Horton and Steed, Commission on Federal Paperwork; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

Joint Committee Meetings

NEW MEXICO PUEBLO INDIAN LAND

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 217, to repeal the law allowing New Mexico to acquire land directly from the New Mexico Pueblo Indians.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 12838, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1980 for programs of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

Thursday, August 5, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3728-3737; and S. Res. 510-512.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 12169, extending the Federal Energy Administration until September 30, 1977 (S. Rept. 94-1119);

H.J. Res. 738, providing for Federal participation in preserving the Tule elk population in California (S. Rept. 94-1120);

H.R. 7896, to provide for settlement, under international agreements, of certain claims incident to the non-combatant activities of the armed forces (S. Rept. 94-1121);

S. 3283, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Oroville-Tonasket unit extension, Chief Joseph Dam, Washington, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1122);

S. 3734, authorizing the transfer of 45 Naval vessels to eleven nations (S. Rept. 94-1123);

S. Res. 404, authorizing reimbursement of a total of \$194,685 to Senator Bellmon and former Representative Edmondson for certain expenses incurred in the 1974 Oklahoma Senatorial election (S. Rept. 94-1124);

H.R. 1402, 9414, and 9965, private relief bills (S. Rept. 94-1125 to 94-1127, respectively);

S. Res. 510, requesting an additional \$46,700 for Government Operations Subcommittee on Federal Spending Practices, Efficiency, and Open Government (without written report—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration.

Pages 26006-26007

Measures Passed:

Insecticides and Fungicides: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House H.R. 12944, authorizing funds for a six-month extension of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

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D.C. Code: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House H.R. 13121, directing the Law Revision Counsel to prepare and publish the District of Columbia Code.

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Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 492, to print as a Senate document a committee print entitled "Corporate Ownership and Control".

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Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 493, to print as a Senate document a committee print entitled "Institutional Investors' Common Stock".

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Printing: Senate agreed to S. Res. 496, to print additional copies of a committee print entitled "Congressional Budget Reform".

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Death Gratuities: Senate agreed to S. Res. 505, 506, 507, and 508, authorizing payment of gratuities to the survivors of four deceased Senate employees.

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Clean Air: By 78 yeas to 13 nays, Senate passed S. 3219, proposed Clean Air Amendments of 1976, after rejecting four additional amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Rejected:

(1) By 30 yeas to 61 nays, Hart of Colorado amendment No. 1608, to require automobile manufacturers to comply with statutory established automobile emission standards one year earlier than the Committee-approved bill;

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(2) By 33 yeas to 58 nays, Hart of Colorado amendment No. 1609, setting nitrogen oxide emission standard to 0.4 grams per mile for automobiles built after 1981;

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(3) By 28 yeas to 64 nays, Packwood amendment No. 1577, as modified by his unprinted amendment No. 313 banning the use of aerosol containers containing halocarbons after January 1, 1978, unless the Administrator determines that their use is not harmful to health or the public welfare;

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(4) By 20 yeas to 70 nays, modified Scott of Virginia amendment No. 2115, permitting the States to adopt more stringent standards in order to protect certain lands from pollution.

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Private Bills: Senate took from calendar and passed the following 53 private relief bills, as follows:

Without amendment and cleared for the White House:

H.R. 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1425, 1507, 2118, 1645, 2278, 2399, 2411, 2495, 2502, 2565, 2940, 2941, 3372, 4053, 5952, 5500, 5648, 6093, 6392, 6687, 7404, 7494, 7882, 7908, 8557, and 8695.

With amendment and returned to the House:

H.R. 10076, 11076, 5503, 7832, 10434, and 10793.

Without amendment and sent to the House:

S. 2959, 3445, 3485, 3682, 3683, and 3702.

With amendment and sent to the House:

S. 1848, 1690, 2481, 2605, 2942, 2956, 1802, 2734, 3040, 2674, and 2786.

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Federal Energy Administration: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 12169, extending the Federal Energy Administration until September 30, 1977, thus clearing the measure for action of the House.

Pages 25903-25909

Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation: Senate agreed to House amendment to S. 1689, authorizing funds for fiscal years 1976 through 1980 for the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

Pages 25909-25910

BIA Employees' Retirement Benefits: Senate insisted on its amendments to H.R. 5465, to revise retirement benefits for certain employees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service who are not entitled to Indian preference, agreed to conference with the House, and appointed as conferees Senators McGee, Burdick, and Stevens.

Pages 25847-25848

Tax Reform: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 10612, proposed Tax Reform Act of 1976, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Adopted:

(1) By 69 yeas to 20 nays, Packwood unprinted amendment No. 314, in the nature of a substitute for section 2603, Prepaid Legal Expenses;

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(2) Ford unprinted amendment No. 315, deleting "laundry" from the list of exempted services that may be performed by hospital cooperatives;

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(3) Section 1205, dealing with Administrative Summons;

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(4) Kennedy unprinted amendment No. 317, permitting deductions of charitable contributions of inventory if the property met requirements of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act;

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(5) Title XXVI, Other Miscellaneous Amendments, as amended;

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(6) Long unprinted amendment No. 319, relating to effective dates;

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(7) Laxalt unprinted amendment No. 320 (to Title XXII), adding a new section 2204, Credit Against Certain Estate Taxes;

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(8) By 79 yeas to 5 nays, Title XXII, Estate and Gift Taxes, as amended;

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(9) Stevens amendment No. 2161, adding new section 2801, Prohibition on Issuance of Regulations Relating to Employee Stock Ownership Plans Which Apply Retroactively;

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(10) Culver unprinted amendments Nos. 321, en bloc, which would add (a) section 2802, Expenses of Amateur Athletes Engaging in National or International Competition, and (b) section 2803, Exemption of Certain Amateur Athletic Organizations;

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(11) Long unprinted amendments No. 322, embodying section 2804, Taxable Status of Pension Benefits Guaranty Corporation, and section 2805, Level Premium Plans Covering Owner-Employees;

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(12) Griffin amendment No. 2126, relating to lump sum distributions from qualified pension plans.

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Rejected:

(1) By 37 yeas to 52 nays, modified Buckley amendment No. 1993, allowing income tax deduction for tuition paid to certain educational institutions;

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(2) Hruska amendment No. 2154, requiring that the Government serve the taxpayer with notice of the initial third party summons and gives him standing in court to challenge only that first summons (tabled by 47 yeas to 42 nays);

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(3) By 39 yeas to 50 nays, modified Kennedy amendment No. 2138, to delete from the bill section 2602, providing exemption for interest on certain governmental obligations for hospital construction;

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(4) By 34 yeas to 50 nays, Packwood unprinted amendment No. 318, embodying substitute language

for those provisions of amendment No. 282, Revision of Estate Tax;

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(5) By 6 yeas to 78 nays, Kennedy amendment No. 2168.

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Also during consideration of this bill today, Senate took actions in connection with other motions, as follows:

(1) By 20 yeas to 60 nays, rejected Muskie motion to indefinitely postpone further action on Section 2601, Credit for Certain Expenses Incurred in Providing Education;

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(2) By 48 yeas to 42 nays, tabled Weicker motion to recommit the bill with instructions that it be reported back forthwith containing only provision for extension of the existing individual income tax reduction and the \$35 tax credit through calendar year 1977.

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(3) By 52 yeas to 34 nays, tabled Muskie motion to recommit the bill with the same instructions carrying with it Long amendment calling for inclusion of all provisions passed by the Senate to date;

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Pending when Senate resumes consideration of this bill tomorrow will be Title XXVII, Additional Capital Gain Deduction for Certain Investment Assets, to be followed by Inouye amendment No. 1829, to delete limitation on deductions for foreign conventions.

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Bill Placed on the Calendar: H.R. 8401, Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act, was received and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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Messages From the House: Senate received two messages from the House today.

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Amendments Submitted for Printing:

Pages 26010-26011

Committee Authority To Sit: Committee on Labor and Public Welfare was authorized to sit during sessions of the Senate on August 10 and 11.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

W. Eugene Davis and Donald E. Walter, each to be a United States district judge for the Western District of Louisiana; and

Herbert F. DeSimone, to be United States district judge for the District of Rhode Island.

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Record Votes: Fifteen record votes were taken today (total—492).

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Committee Meetings

NOMINATIONS AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following nominations: Fred P. Wacker, of Virginia; Robert Nelson Smith, of Ohio; and M. Alan Woods, of Missouri, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense; Juanita Ashcraft, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force; Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, to be Army Chief of Staff; and 6,076 routine nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps; and

Committee also approved an original bill (H.R. 3734), authorizing the transfer of 45 Naval vessels to 11 nations.

Prior to these actions, committee concluded hearings on the above nominations, the nominees testified and answered questions on their own behalf. Dr. Smith was introduced to the committee by Senator Taft.

In closed session, committee received a report from Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., Chairman of the Subcommittee on General Legislation, on the proposed Naval vessels transfer legislation.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel held hearings on S. 2424, to revise the laws governing the appointment, promotion, retirement, separation, and the numbers in grade of certain military officers, receiving testimony from William K. Brehm, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs; David P. Taylor, Assistant Secretary for Defense Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Vice Admiral John G. Finneran, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Personnel Policy, all of Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow in closed session to consider further this bill.

SECURITIES ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS

Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities continued hearings in connection with its study of the securities activities of commercial banks, with further testimony today on brokerage and brokerage-related services offered by commercial banks and registered broker-dealers. Witnesses heard were Edward I. O'Brien, James W. Walker, Carl M. Mueller, William M. Witter, James L. Bayless, Ronald McK. Melvin, and John Stephen Putnam, all representing the Securities Industry Association, New York City; Robert W. Farrell, Elliott J. Smith, and Simon Alexander, all from Bache, Halsey, Stuart, Inc., New York City; and Lawrence Connell, Jr., Banking Commissioner of Connecticut, Hartford.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce: Committee approved 13 routine nominations in the Coast Guard.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ETHIOPIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs continued hearings to receive testimony concerning the status of Ethiopian relations with neighboring countries. Witnesses heard were Professor Donald Levine, University of Chicago, Ill.; John Hathaway Spencer, Madison, Conn., former Chief Foreign Adviser to Haile Selassie; and Thomas Farer, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

AEROSPACE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multinational Corporations met in closed session to receive testimony from Joseph Garvin and Peter Oram, both of Grumman Aerospace Corporation, Bethpage, Long Island, N.Y.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow in closed session.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

H.R. 13713, authorizing funds for acquisition of numerous units and areas for inclusion in our National Park System (amended), to incorporate units called for in S. 2984, 3116, 3410, 3373, 3560, and 3673, and certain other areas);

H.R. 10370, to increase from five to six the number of members of the Advisory Commission for the Canaveral National Seashore, Fla.;

S. 400, authorizing feasibility study on establishing as a national historic site the Frederick Law Olmstead Home and Office in Brookline, Mass. (amended);

S. 3419, authorizing feasibility study on the acquisition and operation of a National Museum of Afro-American History and Culture at or near Wilberforce, Ohio;

S. 3441, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to maintain (for 2 years) certain historical sections of the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., and to provide a study with a view to its permanent maintenance (as approved by the committee, the bill would authorize \$175,000 for fiscal year 1978; and \$75,000 for fiscal year 1979);

S. 2112, authorizing feasibility study on the addition of the Bartram Trail, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, to the National Trail System;

S. 2486, authorizing feasibility study on the establishment of the Florida Trail as a National Scenic Trail;

S. 2783, authorizing feasibility study on designation of the Daniel Boone Trail, North Carolina to Kentucky, as a National Scenic Trail;

S. 3273, authorizing feasibility study on designation of the Nee-Me-Poo Trail, Oregon, Minnesota, Idaho, and Wyoming, as a National Scenic Trail;

H. Con. Res. 225, to recognize the Washington-Rochambeau Historic Route;

S. 3681, to guarantee certain obligations of the Guam Power Authority;

S. 3651, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act so as to provide for the withdrawal of certain lands for the Village of Kluwan, Alaska;

S. 3430, to improve the administration of, and to clarify authorities applicable to the National Park System (with an amendment in the nature of a substitute);

S.J. Res. 206, calling for the President to convene a National Leadership Conference on Energy Policy in 1977; and

H.R. 11455, to provide for the expansion of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (with an amendment in the nature of a substitute).

DRUG TRAFFICKING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency resumed hearings on S. 3411, and 3645, to strengthen the Federal effort to curb traffic in dangerous drugs, receiving testimony from Representative Vanik; Donald C. Alexander, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; Dr. Robert L. DuPont, Executive Director, Cabinet Committee on Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation, who was accompanied by Dr. Robert Shellow, visiting scientist, both of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: Subcommittee on Health resumed hearings on preventive medicine and immunization programs, receiving testimony from David Mathews, Secretary, accompanied by Will Taft, General Counsel, Dr. James F. Dickson III, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, and Dr. David J. Sencer, Director, Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, all of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

WATER RESOURCE PROJECTS

Committee on Public Works: Subcommittee on Water Resources continued to consider projects for possible inclusion in the proposed Water Resource Development Act of 1976. Testimony was received as follows:

S. 3326, authorizing the construction of a water diversion structure on the Potomac River, Maryland, receiving testimony from Representative Gude; J. Leo Bourassa, State Water Control Board of Virginia, Richmond; James Gleason, Montgomery County Executive, Maryland; Floyd D. Peterson, Washington Suburban

Sanitary Commission, accompanied by Herbert Sachs, Water Resources Administration of Maryland, Annapolis; James Corbalis, Fairfax County, Virginia, Water Authority, and Paul Eastman, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, Washington, D.C.;

S. 3550, authorizing construction of the Watana and Devil Canyon units of the Upper Susitna Basin, Alaska, project and related transmission facilities; and

S. 3551, to facilitate and expedite the provision of hydroelectric power at water resources development projects to be constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers, receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; Robert J. Cross, Administrator, Alaska Power Administration, Department of the Interior; Langhorne A. Motley, Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development of Alaska, Anchorage; Wallis C. Droz, Fairbanks Public Utility; Robert Huffman, Manager, Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc., Fairbanks; Larry Hobart, American Public Power Association, Washington, D.C.; Pamela Rich, Friends of the Earth, Washington, D.C.; and Brec Cooke, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

OKLAHOMA SENATORIAL ELECTION CONTEST

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee approved S. Res. 404, authorizing reimbursement of a total of \$194,685 to Senator Bellmon and former Representative Edmondson for certain expenses incurred in the 1974 Oklahoma Senatorial election.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 15064-15096; 1 private bill, H.R. 15097; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1046 and 1047, H. Con. Res. 704-706, and H. Res. 1464 and 1465, were introduced.

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Bill Reported: One report was filed as follows: H.R. 14940, to authorize the obligation and expenditure of funds to implement for fiscal year 1977 the provisions of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the United States and Spain (H. Rept. 94-1393).

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Subcommittee To Sit: Objection was heard to a request that the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce be permitted to sit at 2 p.m. today.

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Payments in Lieu of Taxes: By a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 125 nays, the House passed H.R. 9719, to provide for certain payments to be made to State or local governments by the Secretary of the Interior based upon the amount of certain public lands within the boundaries of such State or locality.

By a yea-and-nay vote of 381 yeas to 1 nay, agreed to a motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole.

Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute as amended.

Agreed To:

An amendment that exempts Federal payments to States for wildlife refuges acquired for addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System;

An amendment clarifying that affected school districts qualify as local governments for receiving Federal payments;

A technical amendment;

A conforming amendment;

An amendment that exempts Federal payments for lands conveyed to the United States which were previously exempt from State taxes (agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 182 noes); and

An amendment that includes dredged disposal areas within entitled lands for Federal payments.

Rejected:

An amendment that sought to strike language providing for Federal payments to States for lands acquired for the National Park System (rejected by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 286 noes);

An amendment that sought to include National Wildlife Refuge Areas under the provisions of the bill (rejected by a division vote of 24 ayes to 42 noes); and

An amendment that sought to strike National Park System lands as entitled lands for Federal payments in lieu of taxes (rejected by a recorded vote of 96 ayes to 302 noes).

A substitute amendment to the previous amendment was offered but subsequently withdrawn that sought to make eligible all federally owned lands for payments in lieu of taxes.

The Clerk was authorized to make certain technical corrections in the engrossment of the bill.

H. Res. 1254, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 10 nays.

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Public Lands: House insisted on its amendments to S. 507, National Resource Lands Management Act, and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Melcher, Johnson of California, Udall, Phillip Burton, Seiberling, Santini, Weaver, Steiger of Arizona, Don H. Clausen, and Young of Alaska.

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Voter Registration: House concluded all general debate on H.R. 11552, to establish a Voter Registration Administration within the Federal Election Commission for the purpose of administering a voter registration program through the Postal Service—but came to no resolution thereon. Proceedings under the 5-minute rule will continue on Monday, August 9.

H. Res. 1444, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 132 nays.

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Transportation Policy: The Speaker appointed the following Members as members of the National Transportation Policy Study Commission on the part of the House: Representatives Wright, Adams, Howard, Anderson of California, Snyder, and Shuster.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, August 11.

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Suspensions: Agreed to a request that Suspensions be eligible for consideration on Tuesday, August 24.

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Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD STAMP ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Continued markup of H.R. 13613, Food Stamp Act of 1976, and will resume on Monday, August 9.

PALM OIL

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Oilseeds and Rice held a hearing on H.R. 14921 and H.R. 14948, Palm Oil and Palm Oil Products Inspection and Identification Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Gordon Fraser, Associate Administrator for International Policy, FAS, USDA, and Department of State.

REAL ESTATE PROJECTS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities met and approved for full committee action 1 Army acquisition, and 1 Navy acquisition.

SURVIVOR BENEFITS—RETIRED PAY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Compensation met and approved for full committee action the following bills:

S. 2090, to make the provisions of section 1331(e) of title 10, U.S. Code, retroactive to November 1, 1953;

H.R. 4105 amended, to revise the rule for computation of retired or retainer pay to reflect later active duty;

H.R. 14772 amended, to pay variable incentive pay to medical officers who participated in the Berry Plan; and

H.R. 14773 amended, to authorize cost-of-living adjustments of annuities under the Retired Servicemen's Family Protection Plan, to suspend retired-pay deductions under the Survivor Benefit Plan when there is no eligible spouse beneficiary, and to reduce the duration-of-marriage requirement under the Survivor Benefit Plan from two years to one year.

SCHOOL INTEGRATION INNOVATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education held a hearing on H.R. 14365, School Integration Innovation Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Senator Glenn; Representatives Seiberling, Whalen, and Preyer; NAACP Director Mitchell; and Dr. Paul Briggs, Superintendent, Cleveland Public Schools.

D.C. SELF-GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on the Judiciary met and approved for full committee action H.R. 12261, to extend the period during which the Council of the District of Columbia is prohibited from revising the criminal laws of the District.

TETON DAM COLLAPSE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Natural Resources continued hearings on the Teton Dam collapse. Testimony was heard from Harold Prostka and Steven Oriel, Geological Survey; Robert Robinson, Construction Engineer, Bureau of Reclamation; Anthony Ruckel, Sierra Club; and other public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

TRANSPORTATION OF ALASKAN CRUDE OIL

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Public Lands continued hearings on proposals for the transportation and distribution of Alaskan crude oil to the lower forty-eight States. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OPIC INSURANCE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on H.R. 14681, to provide for the termination of OPIC insurance to any company that makes a payment to influence the actions of a foreign government. Testimony

was heard from Marshall T. Mays, President, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Following the hearing, the committee began markup of the bill, and will resume on Monday, August 9.

RIGHT-TO-FOOD

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Resources, Food, and Energy met and approved for full committee action H. Con. Res. 393 amended, indicating the sense of Congress that every person throughout the world has the right to a nutritionally adequate diet; and that this country increase its assistance for self-help development among the world's poorest people until such assistance has reached the target of 1 per centum of our total national production.

NATIONAL INFLUENZA PROGRAM

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met for markup of H.R. 15050, National Influenza Program of 1976, and will resume on Tuesday, August 10.

CABLE TELEVISION

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications continued hearings on the regulation of cable television with testimony from public witnesses.

PRIVATE CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations held a hearing on private claims bills.

HABEAS CORPUS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice held a hearing on habeas corpus section of the Federal Rules of Procedure. Testimony was heard from Professor Melvin Lewis, John Marshall Law School, on behalf of National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; California Assistant Attorney General Daniel J. Kremer, on behalf of the Committee on Habeas Corpus of the National Association of Attorneys General; and Professor Robert Clinton, University of Iowa College of Law.

PROBLEMS FACING PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Select Committee on Professional Sports: Continued hearings on the problems facing professional sports and the Federal laws under which they operate. Testimony was heard from Leonard Koppett and Red Smith, New York Times; Richard Dozer, Chicago Tribune; George Cunningham, Atlanta Constitution; Robert Roesler, New Orleans Times Picayune; Don Wilno, Trenton Times; and Howard Cosell, ABC television.

Hearings continue Tuesday, August 10.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Aviation and Transportation R. & D. continued oversight hearings on the Federal Highway Administration. Testimony was heard from Dr. Gerald Love, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, Federal Highway Administration.

COAL MINING RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on ERDA-Fossil Fuels continued oversight hearings on coal mining research and development. Testimony was heard from Carl E. Bagge, President, National Coal Association; Harry LaViers, Jr., President, South East Coal Co.; and Ernst Warnecke, Draeger Werk of Lubbeck, West Germany.

Hearings continue Tuesday, August 10.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Activities of Regulatory Agencies continued oversight hearings on Civil Aeronautics Board and small business. Testimony was heard from Department witnesses.

CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on H.R. 9220, Customs Modernization Act; and section 592 of the Tariff Act of 1930. Testimony was heard from Representative Corman; and representatives of U.S. Chamber of Commerce; AFL-CIO; Association of Customs Bar; National Commission on International Trade Documentation; and other interested organizations.

SSI ADMINISTRATION—IRS COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held hearings on administration of SSI with testimony from State social security departments; and a hearing on IRS collection of delinquent taxes with testimony from IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander.

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT INDEXING ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security began markup of H.R. 14430, Social Security Benefit Indexing Act, and will resume on Monday, August 9.

Joint Committee Meetings

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 12838, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1980 for programs

of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 5, to provide that meetings of government agencies be open to the public.

Friday, August 6, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 26199-26268

Bills Introduced: Five bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3738-3742; and S. Res. 513-514.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. Res. 513, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to S. 3554, establishing a National Commission on Neighborhoods to make a study of the factors contributing to the decline of city neighborhoods and those necessary to their revitalization (S. Rept. 94-1128), referred to Committee on the Budget;

S. 3477, a private relief bill (S. Rept. 94-1129);

S. Res. 378, referring to the Court of Claims, S. 2907, a private bill (S. Rept. 94-1130);

S. Res. 457, referring to the Court of Claims, S. 3518, a private bill (S. Rept. 94-1131);

S. Res. 491, referring to the Court of Claims, S. 3690, a private bill (S. Rept. 94-1132);

S. 2830 and 3146, private relief bills (with an amendment) (S. Rept. 94-1133 and 94-1134);

H.R. 5752 and 6156, private relief bills (S. Rept. 94-1135 and 94-1136);

S. 2925, to provide for the elimination of inactive and overlapping Federal programs, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1137) (by unanimous consent referred to Committee on Rules and Administration and Finance).

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Measures Passed:

Tax Reform: By 49 yeas to 22 nays, Senate passed H.R. 10612, proposed Tax Reform Act of 1976, after taking action on additional amendments proposed thereto as follows:

Adopted:

(1) By 58 yeas to 30 nays, Inouye unprinted amendment No. 323, having the effect of deleting section 602

(Title VI) placing limitations on deductions for attending foreign conventions, and thereby restoring present law (motion to table rejected by 28 yeas to 60 nays);

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(2) Percy unprinted amendment No. 325, adding a new section 2808, Tax Treatment of the Grantor of Options on Stock, Securities, and Commodities;

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(3) Percy amendment No. 2035, adding new section 289, to provide 'flow-through' tax treatment for shareholders of mutual funds and regulated investment companies;

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(4) Stone unprinted amendment No. 327, adding new section 2810, having effect of affording the same tax amortization to non-wood railroad ties as allowed for wood ties;

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(5) Hart of Colorado unprinted amendment No. 329 (to Title XXVIII), establishing commission to study tax simplification and modernization;

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(6) Taft unprinted amendment No. 331 (to Title XXII), Common Trust Fund Treatment of Certain Custodial Accounts;

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(7) Bartlett unprinted amendment No. 332 (to Title XXVIII), to broaden provisions of the law allowing transfers of oil and gas property within the same controlled group or family;

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(8) Bartlett unprinted amendment No. 333 (to Title XXVIII), to broaden the definition of business use of homes to include such use for management or maintenance of income producing property;

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(9) Bumpers amendment No. 2133, modifying support rules in determining dependence deduction for children of divorced or separated taxpayers;

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(10) Javits unprinted amendment No. 335, adding new section 2816, to establish a commission to study expanded stock ownership;

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(11) Long unprinted amendments Nos. 336, adding section 2817, to modify the definition of low- and moderate-income housing;

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(12) Burdick amendment No. 2004, liberalizing rules relating to acquisition of replacement property on the involuntary conversion of real income producing property;

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(13) By 48 yeas to 34 nays, Bayh amendment No. 2156, having effect of retaining limited exclusion from taxable income of sick pay for taxpayers with adjusted income of \$15,000 a year or less;

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